

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Kenneth E. Johns, Jr., District II
Mr. Harry R. Hamilton, District III Mr. Marion E. Lyles, District IV
Mr. H. Frank Ables, Jr., District V

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Oconee County Council met Tuesday, March 19, 2002 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Press:

Members of the press notified (by mail): Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio, Daily Journal, WYFF TV, WLOS TV, the Oconee County Tax Payers Association & the Oconee County Democratic Party.

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio, Dave Williams – Anderson Independent & Amanda Rylander.

Call to Order:

Supervisor-Chair Hughes, who welcomed those present, called the meeting to order present.

Invocation:

Mr. Hamilton gave the invocation.

Minutes:

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns that the minutes of the March 5, 2002 meeting be adopted as printed.

Picture Presentation:

Mrs. Hughes presented on loan a portrait of the late Mr. Stan Capillio to Mr. Steve Brewer, Oconee Community Theater to be displayed at the theater.

Solid Waste:

Upon request of Ms. Melissa Grant, Solid Waste Director, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 – 0 to waive the bid procedure and engage Goldie & Associates to conduct additional groundwater testing at the Seneca Landfill at a cost of approximately \$20,000 as required by the SC Department of Health & Environmental Control and has to be submitted to their office by April 1, 2002.

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Recommendation of Governmental Task Force Committee:

Upon recommendation of the Governmental Task Force Committee, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 4 – 1 (Mr. Johns voting against) that Council accept the recommendation of the Governmental Task Force Committee to initiate the placement of a referendum on the November, 2002 ballot allowing the voters to choose between the present supervisor-council or the administrative-council form of government in the county and also provide more extensive education regarding both forms of government than was given in the 1998 election.

Also, Mr. Lyles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that he be allowed to form and oversee a special committee to conduct public education regarding the advantages and disadvantages of both forms of government.

Sewer Study:

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that Goldie & Associates & P. T. Barber Co. work together to develop a sewer feasibility study along the I-85 corridor.

Oconee County Public Safety Facilities Master Plan:

Upon recommendation of the Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds Committee, Council voted unanimously to adopt the concept of phase I, option I of the Public Safety Facilities Master Plan provided all funding is in line. (See attachment)

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Lyles, approved 5 – 0 to allow Freeman White continue to as the engineering firm on this project.

The recommendation, as amended, was then adopted 5 – 0.

Health Insurance:

Upon recommendation of the Personnel & Intergovernmental Committee, Council voted unanimously to adopt alternate number one at a total cost of \$3,822,547.92 for health insurance for the next fiscal year and making the following changes rather than reduce benefits:

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Health Insurance Continued:

Employees will now pay \$5.00 per payroll for insurance; dependent coverage will increase ten percent and the retiree's rate will increase five percent. The charge for generic drugs will be \$5.00 for a prescription and \$15.00 for name brand drugs. The employee's in network co-pay will be 15% and the out of network deductible will be \$250 with out of pocket expenses remaining at \$1,500 per employee and \$3,000 per family.

Road Department:

Council unanimously approved the recommendation of the Roads & Transportation Committee that the attached line item transfer in the amount of \$8,423 from national forestry funds into road paving be adopted for the installation of guard rails on certain county roadways.

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that the bid for guardrails to be placed on Duck Pond Road, Lecroy Park Road and Lake Becky Road be awarded to Bagwell Fence Co. who was low bid at \$47,525. (See attached bid sheet)

South Cove Park:

Council unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds Committee to award the bid for resurfacing of the tennis courts at South Cove Park to Thermal Belt Sports Surfaces who was the lowest responsive bid at \$48,960.00. (See attached bid sheet)

Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that the attached transfer in the amount of \$1460 from capital expenditures building/grounds into capital expenditures paving be adopted to complete the funding for this project.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism:

Upon recommendation of Ms. Vickie Satterfield, Deputy Parks Director, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that \$5,000 in line item 010 202 30903 be given to the City of Seneca as per the attached request of the city and recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Ordinance 2002-04:

Upon recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee, Council unanimously adopted Ordinance 2002-04, "OCONEE COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001-02" on second reading.

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Ordinance 2002-05:

Mr. Johns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2002-05, "SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT CHAPTER OF LAND USE PLAN" be adopted on first reading.

Commercial Complex:

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 that ratification of Goldie & Associates to provide the following scope of services during the construction phase of the Highway 11 Commercial Complex be adopted at a cost of \$12,000:

- Represent Owner for pre-construction meetings with County, contractor and major subcontractors
- Perform periodic site visits to insure the contractor is constructing the project in accordance to the plans and specifications
- Coordinate necessary pressure testing as required by DHEC for utilities
- Develop as-built drawings for Westminster CPW and DHEC
- Represent County at final walk through
- Submit package to DHEC for Permit to Operate on the water and sewer systems
- Coordinate other utility installations for the project
- Review contractor payment requests
- Review contractor change order requests (See attachment)

Public Hearing Regarding Ordinance 2002-05:

Council scheduled a public hearing regarding Ordinance 2002-05, "SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT CHAPTER OF LAND USE PLAN" May 7, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

Ordinance 2002-06:

Mr. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 5 – 0 that Ordinance 2002-06, "SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE" be adopted on first reading in title only.

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Seneca Magistrate's Office:

Upon recommendation of the Purchasing, Contracting, Real Estate, Building & Grounds Committee, Council voted unanimously to move the Seneca Magistrate's Office from its present location to an office on the Beltline and funding for the rent be placed in the Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance.

Public Comment Session:

Mr. Steven Ancona addressed Council regarding the way Council meetings are conducted.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council regarding more consideration and the county being more public friendly. Mr. Littleton also addressed Council regarding the consideration of an incinerator to burn trash rather than paying to have it transported to a landfill.

Adjourn:

Adjourn 4:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Opal O. Green
Council Clerk